

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 5/18/05

Division: BOCC-1

Bulk Item: Yes X No     

Department: BOCC-1

Staff Contact Person: Jana Johnson-Willi

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**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:**

Presentation of Mayor's Proclamation declaring the month of May *Jury Appreciation Month*.

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**ITEM BACKGROUND:**

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:**

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**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:**

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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**TOTAL COST:** N/A

**BUDGETED:** Yes      No     

**COST TO COUNTY:** N/A

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:**                     

**REVENUE PRODUCING:** Yes      No      **AMOUNT PER MONTH**      **Year**     

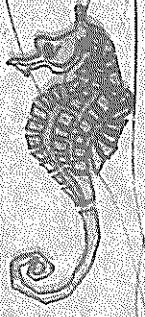
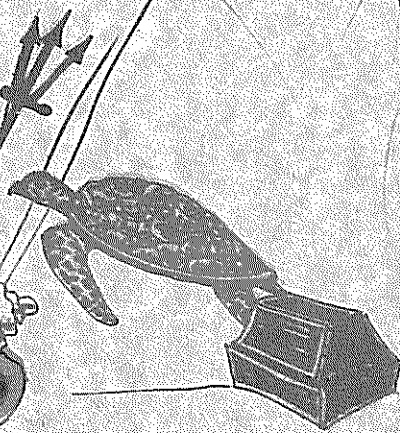
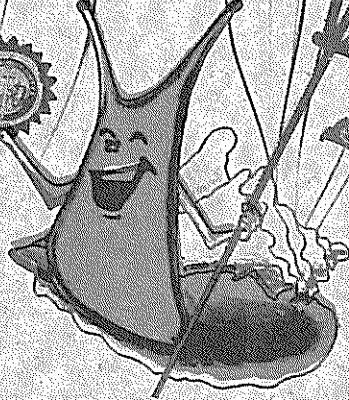
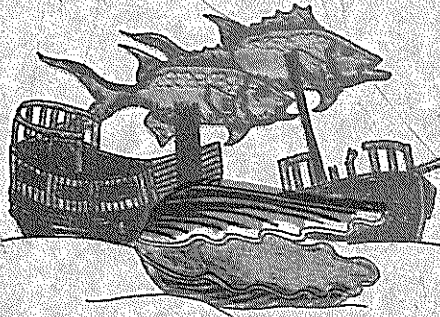
**APPROVED BY:** County Atty      OMB/Purchasing      Risk Management     

**DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:** *Dixie M. Spehar*  
MAYOR DIXIE M. SPEHAR

**DOCUMENTATION:** Included X Not Required     

**DISPOSITION:**                                     

**AGENDA ITEM #**



# Mayor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Law day is a celebration of this country and this state's great heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under law; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for Law Lay 2005 is "The American Jury: We the People in Action"; and

**WHEREAS**, trial by jury is guaranteed in the Sixth and Seventh Amendments of the United States Constitution, applicable to the States through the Fourteenth Amendment, and in Article I, sections 16 and 22 of the Florida Constitution, and has been recognized as a cornerstone of our freedoms since the first state Constitution of 1838;

**WHEREAS**, jury service is a privilege and a responsibility of citizenship, and few civic activities provide such a direct contact with our democracy as does jury service, which affords an opportunity for citizens with a variety of life experiences and backgrounds to actively participate in the justice system; and

**WHEREAS**, jurors are intelligent, informed adults who are full partners in court proceedings, and by entrusting jurors from the community to decide legal cases we reinforce our beliefs that everyday people can make the right decisions and that we are an open, democratic government; and

**WHEREAS**, the decisions that jurors make affect millions of lives every day and have a profound impact on this state's economy and society; and

**WHEREAS**, as Florida celebrates Law Day 2005 we acknowledge the vital role of juries in our justice system and we recognize the importance of educating our fellow citizens about the rewards and benefits of jury service.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dixie M. Spehar, Mayor, do hereby proclaim May 2005 as:

## JURY APPRECIATION MONTH

I urge the judiciary, attorneys, bar associations, citizens, schools, businesses, and media of Florida to use this occasion to dedicate themselves to the preservation and strengthening of the jury system and to expressing appreciation for those Floridians who answer the call to jury service.

**AND THE SAME** is hereby ordered and done for Monroe County, Florida on May 19, 2005.

*Dixie M. Spehar*  
Dixie M. Spehar, Mayor